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Dear Colleague:

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) invite you to attend the 3rd Annual Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance (SECA) Workshop at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, March 21-22, 2002.

The SECA Program is developing solid-oxide fuel cell modules with low manufacturing cost and broad applications. During the past year, SECA has made rapid progress. In 2001, four new Industrial Teams were selected and have started work addressing the program goals. The Core Technology Program has also made significant progress on solving the remaining issues. This progress could not have been made without the strong interest and support from key leaders, such as you, in the fuel cell community.

The purpose of the March SECA Workshop is to report on the status of the SECA Program, provide a forum for stakeholder input, and discuss upcoming Program opportunities. The Workshop will feature a range of speakers addressing important components of the Program. The U. S. Department of Energy is convinced that fuel cells are an essential part of the national energy solution with important intrinsic environmental and energy security benefits. Your attendance at this workshop will be important to the successful completion of the Program which, in turn, will help ensure that the environmental and energy security benefits of fuel cells are realized.

I invite you to join other fuel cell leaders and stakeholders at this workshop. The aggressive goals of the SECA program cannot be achieved without your continued input.

Registration materials are enclosed. Please complete the workshop registration and mail it in as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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